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SUBJECT: TOLBERT INAUGURATION: USDEL ARRIVAL STATEMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT BY HEAD OF USDEL. THE SALUTATION ASSUMES WELCOMING COMMITTEE WILL BE HEADED BY OFFICIAL OF MINISTER RANK. THIS, HOWEVER, WILL DEPEND ON RANK OF HEAD OF USDEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, FRIENDS:

MY COLLEAGUES, MS. SMITH AND MR. JONES AND I, HAVE COME TO FORM, TOGETHER WITH MR. BEAN, THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HERE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATION AT THE CEREMONIES AND FESTIVITIES ATTENDING THE RE-INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND VICE PRESIDENT GREENE. IT IS NATURALLY AN HONOR TO REPRESENT ONE'S OWN COUNTRY ON ANY OCCASION. IT IS ALSO A SIGNAL HONOR FOR US TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROCEEDINGS SO SIGNIFICANT, INDEED HISTORIC, FOR LIBERIA.

I WANT FIRST TO EXPRESS, ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, TO ALL LIBERIANS WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES NOT ONLY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PROCEEDINGS WHICH WE WILL ALL SOON BE ENJOYING, BUT ALSO FOR THE ENSUING YEARS UNDER PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S LEADERSHIP.
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WE AMERICANS, AS FREE MEN, TAKE PRIDE IN THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OTHER
FREE MEN. WE ARE ACCORDINGLY PROUD OF YOUR COUNTRY'S LONG HISTORY -- 128 YEARS IS A LONG TIME BY ANY CALCULATION -- OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.
WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PROGRAM BEFORE US. THE INAUGURATION OF A DEMOCRATICALLY-CHOSEN LEADERSHIP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES, IS ALWAYS A MOVING OCCASION. WE ARE HONORED AND HAPPY TO BE A PART OF THESE MOMENTS WHEN THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE RENEW THEIR COMMITMENT TO SELF-IMPROVEMENT, TAKE NEW INSPIRATION FROM THEIR CHOSEN LEADERS, AND GIVE THEM OPEN-HEARTED ENCOURAGEMENT TO CARRY ON THE IMPORTANT TASKS BEFORE THEM. WE HOPE OUR PRESENCE HERE WILL CONTRIBUTE IN SOME MEASURE TO THE DIGNITY AND HAPPINESS OF THIS MEMORABLE OCCASION. END TEXT.
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